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## Uzbekistan, Republic of

### Grain and Feed

### Rice Update

## 2001

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#### Report Highlights:

**Uzbekistan's MY 2001/02 rice production is forecast to decline again by almost 50 percent to 55,000 metric tons due to severe drought in the two major rice-producing regions. Uzbekistan's MY 2001/02 rice import requirement is forecast at 165,000 metric tons.**

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Includes PSD changes: Yes  
Includes Trade Matrix: No  
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## PRODUCTION:

At the start of MY 2001/02, the Government of Uzbekistan planned rice area and production was 125,000 hectares and 433,000 metric tons (281,000 tons MT milled basis) respectively. The state order for MY 2001/02 was set at 60 percent and the state procurement price for paddy was increased from soum 80,000 per MT in 2000 to soum 110,000 per MT in 2001 ( Currently \$1 = soum 430.69 at the official rate and soum 1250 at the unofficial rate).

However, due to severe drought in the major rice-growing regions in western Uzbekistan, rice was planted on only 37,600 hectares. Of the original planted acreage, 10,000 hectares were abandoned due to drought, reducing harvested area to 27,000 hectares. Harvest currently is underway. As of October 17, a total of 18,000 tons of rice (paddy) has been harvested.

**Table 1: Rice Production, Supply and Demand**

PSD Table						
Country	Uzbekistan, Republic of					
Commodity	Rice, Milled			(1000 HA)(1000 MT)		
	Revised	1999	Preliminary	2000	Forecast	2001
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		01/2000		01/2001		01/2002
Area Harvested	164	164	50	45	25	27
Beginning Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	0
Milled Production	269	269	83	100	45	55
Rough Production	414	414	128	154	69	85
MILLING RATE (.9999)	6500	6500	6500	6500	6500	6500
TOTAL Imports	30	30	142	135	175	165
Jan-Dec Imports	30	30	142	135	175	165
Jan-Dec Import U.S.	0	0	0	38	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	299	299	225	235	220	220
TOTAL Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jan-Dec Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	299	299	225	235	220	220
Ending Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	299	299	225	235	220	220

## TRADE

Based on the forecast decline in production, Uzbekistan's MY 2001/02 rice imports are forecast at 165,000 MT.